Committees of Dharmadarsis constituted from November 1947.

*Q. 91. Sri T. HANUMIAH (Chitaldrug District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of committees of Dharmadarsis that have been constituted from November 1947 and onwards with names and caste of each Dharmadarsi and the names of the temples?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

Information is not readily available and will be obtained from the districts and compiled.

Economic and Educational Improvement of Harijans.

*Q.—93. Sri T. HANUMIAH (Chitaldrug District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have laid down any specific policy or schemes to improve the economic and educational problems of the Harijans as stipulated in the Indian Constitution;

(*b*) if so, whether they will place a copy of the policy or the scheme on the table;

(*c*) in case no scheme or policy has been prepared, whether they will take it up at least now?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The relevant Government Orders are placed on the Table.*

Digging Compost Manure Pits, and expenditure thereto.

*Q.—96. Sri GOVINDA DAS (Hassan District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount placed at the disposal of each Deputy Commissioner for digging the compost manure pits for 1949-50;

(*b*) the number of pits dug in each district;

(*c*) the amount unspent?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) In respect of the Rural Development Department, no separate grant was sanctioned for digging compost pits. But the expenditure was incurred under "R.D." funds. The Agriculture Department got compost pits dug up and directly disbursed the amounts to parties out of the grant provided in the Compost Scheme.

(*b*) Compost pits dug during 1949-50—District-wise.

		R.D. Deptt.	Agri. Deptt.
Bangalore	...	384	678
Mandya	...	326	398
Mysore	...	1,011	655
Hassan	...	1,092	1,050
Chikmagalur	...	613	629
Shimoga	...	750	739
Chitaldrug	...	1,091	592
Tumkur	...	1,312	474
Kolar	...	2,135	3,446
Total	...	8,714	8,661

(*c*) No information is available as no separate grant was sanctioned for individual items of expenditure as compost pits, etc.

Action to prevent slaughter of Cows.

*Q.—97. Sri GOVINDA DASS (Hassan District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the Cow Slaughter Prevention Act was enacted in the State,

(*b*) the number of cows slaughtered illegally after the measure was introduced in the State;

(*c*) the steps taken by them to put an end to such illegal slaughter?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) In June 1948 and enforced from 24th July 1948.

(*b*) 348.

(*c*) Prompt action is being taken to prosecute the offenders under the Act in all reported cases. In 331 cases the accused were prosecuted. Wide publicity is given to the Act and the

* Placed in the Assembly Library.